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Letter dated 1 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to our letter of 26 April 2000 (S/2000/350) in which the Democratic Republic of the Congo requested the Security Council to establish an independent expert panel to investigate the illegal exploitation of the natural resources and other wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in violation of its national sovereignty, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Council resolution 1291 (2000) of 24 February 2000 that sets out the mandate of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC).

My Government welcomed the recommendation of the Security Council mission visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo as contained in paragraph 77 of its report of 11 May 2000 (S/2000/416) concerning the early establishment of this expert panel to take this matter forward.

My Government is in favour of the early establishment of the expert panel to investigate the illegal activities being carried out by the countries committing aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo, namely Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda, in the Congolese provinces that they currently occupy.

My Government believes that the expert panel should investigate, establish and analyse links between the illegal exploitation of the natural resources and other wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda in violation of its national sovereignty and the continuation of the war of aggression.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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